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In re Application of:

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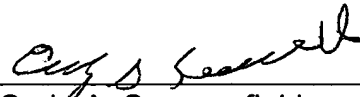
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Also enclosed is a copy of a Search Report from the German Patent Office citing two of these references, one as "X" and the other as "A", in the priority German application.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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	A1	5,455,175	10/03/95	Wittwer et al.		
	A2	6,472,186	10/29/02	Quintanar et al.		
	A3	6,482,615	11/19/02	Tal et al.		

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	A4	WO 98/09728	12.03.98	PCT		NoA4

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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